

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 12, 1967

Mr. J. H. Bates
1023 Adams Street
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bates:

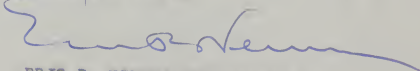
We are wondering if you still have the two gold sales tax tokens which were given to you at the time you were the Supervisor. We were talking with Mr. Michael G. Pfefferkorn, who proudly possesses some of the patterns for Missouri sales tax tokens which you had and he suggested that we might write you.

We are endeavoring to set up a money museum on the river front, in St. Louis, and already have a very large collection of various types of early Missouri money. We thought it would be interesting if we could acquire your two gold sales tax tokens, if you still have them. They could always be displayed with the fact that they were your presentation specimens.

I believe you gave a price to Mr. Pfefferkorn for the two gold pieces and, naturally, we would want to pay the price which was satisfactory to you.

Would you be nice enough to write us and tell us the situation.

Sincerely yours,



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EPN/stb

George Hubert Bates
1023 Adams Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Apr 21, 1967,

Dear Mr. Newman:-

Please pardon my delay in answering yours of Apr 12th relative to Gold Sales Tax Tokens - I have in my lock box a set - a 1 and 5 - in gold and to the best of my knowledge only one other such set is in existence.

I have never offered them for sale, although I was offered 100⁰⁰ by a K.C. Collector - However since I am now 82 I might reconsider if you wish to make an offer, and might be able to also secure the other set, if you want both -

Very truly yours
G. H. Bates

P.S. Have been in K.C. for our sons Birthday -

3945 a Michigan Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63118
April 24, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178


Dear Mr. Newman:

I regret the delay in answering your note but was very happy to have received your Xerox copy of the mills you have. Several of the tokens were not completely legible, and I have been unable to catalogue them. I am enclosing a first draft trial catalogue of the counterstamped tokens. Please verify or correct the legends on the tokens you have sent me.

I also need to know the denominations upon which the counter-stamps were made as well as the color of ink used. Check trial numbers 24, 34, 42, and 47. My code may be translated in the following manner: #14 refers to the one mill, #15 refers to the five mills printed on mottled brown cardboard, and #15a refers to the five mills printed on smooth whitish cardboard.

Please send me full descriptions of all other counterstamped tokens that you have so that I may begin verification of their place of origin as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,


Michael G. Pfefferkorn

COUNTERSTAMPED STATE TAX TOKENS

Chicago, Ill.

24. Obv. #14 1 Mill
Rev. Chicago Philatelic Society Banquet Hotel LaSalle
Jan 18, 1936
42 mm. Cardboard Black Old English printing

Farmington, Mo.

25. Obv.
Rev. Black Cat Cafe C. Williams, Owner, Prop. Farmington, Mo.
42 mm. Cardboard

Mexico, Mo.

26. Obv.
Rev. Lawrence's Cut Rate Drugs Mexico, Mo.
42 mm. Cardboard

St. Louis, Mo.

27. Obv.
Rev. Bob Higin Market For Quality St. Louis, Mo.
42 mm. Cardboard
28. Obv.
Rev. Dudley's Air Cooled Tap Room 5212 Pershing Ave.
42 mm. Cardboard
29. Obv.
Rev. Koch's Bakery 2803 S. Jefferson Ave. Prospect 9374
42 mm. Cardboard
30. Obv.
Rev. Linders Market Open Day And Night Woodlawn And Manchester
42 mm. Cardboard
31. Obv.
Rev. Merchants Exchange Barber Shop Weber Bros. CA. 6069
42 mm. Cardboard
32. Obv.
Rev. RI 6943 Russell G. Berg Texaco Service Station
6300 So. Grand Blvd.
42 mm. Cardboard
33. Obv.
Rev. St. Louis Co Ice Coal Coke EB. 1262
42 mm. Cardboard
34. Obv. #14 1 Mill
Rev. Steer To Bilgre (Legend separated by arms of steering wheel)
42 mm. Cardboard Hand drawn in blue ink

35. Obv.
Rev. Strassberger Hall Dancing Every Sunday Night
Grand & Shenandoah
42 mm. Cardboard
36. Obv.
Rev. Wallpaper & Gleaning EV5264
42 mm. Cardboard
37. Obv.
Rev. Whitaker's Food Store We Make Our Own Ice Cream 25¢ Qt.
4177 Ashland Ave Golfax 9542 We deliver.
42 mm. Cardboard

Webster Groves, Mo.

38. Obv.
Rev. Buy The 'Webster Echo'
42 mm. Cardboard

Unattributed store cards

39. Obv.
Rev. Brownie's Sign Shop
42 mm. Cardboard
40. Obv.
Rev. Chapin Radio Service 1428 Blackstone MU. 1986
42 mm. Cardboard
41. Obv.
Rev. Eat Owen's Laxative Bread For sale at your grocer
42 mm. Cardboard
42. Obv. #15 5 Mills
Rev. The Motor Market Ask About FREE Car Wash
42 mm. Cardboard Black printing
43. Obv.
Rev. Murers 1544 Hogan Delicatessen
42 mm. Cardboard
44. Obv.
Rev. Shop at SEARS and SAVE
42 mm. Cardboard

Unattributed political tokens

45. Obv.
Rev. Be A Good Republican Voter
42 mm. Cardboard

Unattributed designs

46. Obv.
Rev. design showing man tearing out his hair
42 mm. Cardboard
47. Obv. #14 1 Mill
Rev. design showing opened can of Rex lye
42 mm. Cardboard Violet ink

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April 27, 1967

Mr. George Hubert Bates
1023 Adams Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Mr. Bates:

Thank you for your letter of April 21, 1967.

I discussed the contents of it with Mr. Pfefferkorn, who is now working on the final details to write an article on the subject of Missouri sales tax tokens.

I feel that a fair price for the set of gold tax tokens is \$150.00 and Mr. Pfefferkorn agrees. He would like a set as well as we but cannot afford it. I told him that we would put up the money if two sets could be acquired and we would hold the items for him until he was ready to buy them. He is so enthusiastic about this matter that we want to give him that courtesy. Accordingly, we will buy both sets for \$150.00 per set if you can get the other set; otherwise we will buy your set alone. A check will be sent to you as soon as we hear from you.

If the other set contains any additional items other than the gold, as your set originally did, that would also be of great interest, and you can advise me in that regard.

Mr. Pfefferkorn and ourselves would both be very much complimented to own these important symbols of Missouri economic history.

Sincerely yours,

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EPN/atb

George Hubert Bates
1023 Adams Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

May 5, 1967

Dear Mr. Newman:- In re- Gold Tokens -
at one time my daughter who
lives in St. Louis, said she would like to
have these tokens so I would like to confer
with her before selling. I hope to be in
St. L. in the near future so will bring
the tokens with me and see if she still
wants them -

When I conferred with Mrs. Smith
she asked what I was going to do and
when I told her she said she would also
like to confer with her daughters who live
in Okla. No doubt they will be coming
this way when school is out -

So for the present, lets just hold
the matter in abeyance -

Very Truly Yours,
G. H. Bates